1992-93 to 1996-97, thanks to the pioneering efforts of Dr. Manmohan Singh and others. Now, 'according mid-term review of RBI our GDP growth during the year 1999-2000 may be 6 to 6.5 per cent'. Sir, I would like to go further. Some analysts say that with impressive industrial recovery and the prospects of increased agricultural production, the GDP in 1999-2000 is likely to touch 7 per cent. against the estimated rate of 6 to 6.5 per cent. Sir, I think eminent economists, like Dr. Manmohan Singhji, would appreciate it. India has been, and will be, one of the first ten fast growing economies in the world.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Constitution of a body for Visual Media

*205. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a body for Visual Media has been proposed on the lines of Press Council of India (PCI);

(b) if so, what would be its salient features; and

(c) whether it would be provided with enough powers to enforce its decision unlike the PCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Tobacco

*206. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco exports has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to boost export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The total quantity and value of